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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: T. MASUDA, et al.

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For: PLASMA ETCHING APPARATUS AND PLASMA ETCHING  
METHOD

Group: 1763

Examiner: A. Mulero

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
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December 27, 2005

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicant hereby respectfully petitions for an extension of time to permit filing a response within the second month subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed July 26, 2005. A credit card payment form in the amount of \$450.00 to cover the required fee for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (520.34403CV4) and excess fees credited to account.

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